

Chairman's Report

The People are Dancing Again

A group of 21 Tribal members participated in the Siletz Festival at the National Museum of the American Indian on July 8-10 in Washington, D.C. The group included Tribal Council members, staff and family members.

Kevin Gover, museum director, invited Siletz to participate when he visited in May 2010. Arrangements began taking shape a few months ago.

The agenda included displays of regalia and basketry; Feather Dance; and demonstrations of basket weaving, jewelry making and other forms of weaving.

Charles Wilkinson was present along with council for a panel discussion on the book, *The People Are Dancing Again*. After the presentation, the book was available for purchase and Charles for signing it. Book sales went well and all proceeds from the sale of it go to our Tribe.

As visitors to the museum passed through, they asked many questions about our Tribe and its history. It was a great

opportunity for us to inform the public about who we are and where we come from.

At the same time we were at the museum, the Smithsonian Folklife Festival was happening on the Mall. A group of visitors from Colombia's Amazon region visited us, inviting us to dance with them on the Mall.

Bud Lane organized the dancers so that when they finished the Feather Dance, they went outdoors to the site of the Amazonian people. Both the Colombians and Siletz enjoyed a welcome dance. Other dances were exchanged and some gifts exchanged (Bud had prepared some Pendleton bags he had sewn together and brought along as gifts).

This was quite a memorable event for our Tribe, the museum and for all the visitors. We also enjoyed visits with Tribal members who live in the Washington, D.C., area.

A big thank you goes to Bud for organizing the event and making all the arrangements. Thanks also to volun-

teers who were a great help: Cheryl and Alissa Lane, Bonnie Crawford and Kathy Robinson.

All eight of the council members who attended participated in several ways. The dancers were awesome.

Pi-Ume-Sha Treaty Days

The Tribal Council attended Pi-Ume-Sha at the invitation of the Warm Springs Tribal Council.

The Friday evening get-together is always warm and friendly, visiting with friends and other invited guests. On Saturday, our Tribal Council participated in the Chief Nelson Wallulatum Memorial Parade. It's about a two-mile walk from the school down to the pow-wow grounds.

We will always remember the chief for his memorable visits to Siletz, his kind words, his humor, his intelligence and for the many years he served on the Warm Springs Tribal Council. He was a true friend of the Siletz and we were proud to know him.



Delores Pigsley

Tribal members invited to join Wilkinson in discussion of *The People Are Dancing Again*

The Tribal Council is pleased to announce that Charles Wilkinson, author of our Tribal history book, has graciously agreed to be available on Aug. 12 to lead a discussion for Tribal members about the book, answer questions and sign books.

Tribal members are invited to bring their books for signing. A limited amount of time will be available for Tribal members to pick up their copy earlier in the day. The schedule of events is as follows:

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| Date: | Aug. 12 |
| Location: | Room 244, second floor, Siletz Community Health Clinic, Siletz, Oregon |
| 12:30 – 2 p.m. | Tribal members can pick up their copy of the book (bring picture ID) |
| 2 – 4 p.m. | Book discussion and question-and-answer period with Wilkinson and the Tribal Council |
| 4 – 5 p.m. | Wilkinson will be available to sign books |

Nuu-wee-ya' (our words)

Introduction to the Athabaskan language

Open to Tribal members of all ages

Eugene

Eugene Area Office
Aug. 1 – 6-8 p.m.
Sept. 6 – 6-8 p.m.

Portland

Portland Area Office
Aug. 8 – 6-8 p.m.
Sept. 12 – 6-8 p.m.

Siletz

Siletz Tribal Community Center
Aug. 2 – 6-8 p.m.
Sept. 7 – 6-8 p.m.

Salem

Salem Area Office
Aug. 9 – 6-8 p.m.
Sept. 13 – 6-8 p.m.

Classes begin with basic instruction and progress over the year. They also are a refresher course for more-advanced students. Come and join other members of your community and Tribe in learning to speak one of our ancient languages.

We also have equipment in the Cultural Department available for use in grinding and drilling shell or pine nuts or other applications. If you need to use the equipment, call the number below to set up an appointment.

For more information, contact Bud Lane at the Siletz Cultural Department at 541-444-8320 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1320; or e-mail budl@ctsi.nsn.us.

Siletz News captures 6 awards in media contest sponsored by NAJA

The Siletz Tribe is pleased to announce that its monthly newspaper, *Siletz News*, received six awards at the 2011 Native American Journalists Association convention in July.

In Division 5, publications with circulation of less than 5,000, the newspaper staff received the following:

- General Excellence, bi-monthly/monthly – third place
- Best Layout, bi-monthly/monthly – second place
- Best Photo, news division – Natasha Kavanaugh, first place, "Fancy Dancer Demonstrates How It's Done"
- Best Photo, news division – Diane Rodriguez, second place, "First Mile – Run to the Rogue"
- Associate Photo Division – Diane Rodriguez, second place, "Youth Enjoys Culture Camp"
- Associate News Story – Diane Rodriguez, second place, November 2010 article on Charles Wilkinson and *The People Are Dancing Again*

In 2010, *Siletz News* received a third place award in the General Excellence, bi-monthly/monthly category. The categories were not broken out by circulation at that time.

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Deadline for the September issue is Aug. 10. Submission of articles and photos is encouraged. Please see the Passages Policy on page 24 when submitting items for Passages.



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